—Installation of 9 Electronic Exchanges (512 port ILT Type) with total 3456 lines capacity.

—Installation of 50 Small MAX-III Exchanges with 20 lines capacity each.

—Expansion of Telephone Exchanges at Ajmer, Bikaner, Kota, Udaipur, Jodhpur and Jaipur.

—Installation of a number of Small Electronic Exchanges of MILT 64port, C-DOT 128port and WSAX (PAM) type.

Transmission

—Installation of Open Wire Carrier Systems with 54 Channels.

—Installation of 9 VFT systems with 112 channels.

—Installation of 5 nos. of TDM VFT systems.

—Installation of 5 UHF systems.

—Installation of Digital Microwave systems on Agra-Jaipur.

Jaipur-Alwar and Jaipur-Indore routes.

Long Distance Public Telephones (LDPTs):

—350 Nos.

—350 Nos. of LDPTs are proposed to be installed.

Threat from Punjab militants

289. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some of the militant organisations in Punjab have recently threatened the students of professional colleges particularly belonging to the minority community;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of students staying in different hostels have vacanted the premises recently and left the State in the wake of threatening call etc. ; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.

290. [*Transferred to the 26th December*, 1989]

Scope for Widening certain Roads in New Delhi

291. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is scope for widening of Dupleix Road, Kushak Road, Thyagraj Marg, Krishna Menon Marg, Tughlak Road, Maulana Azad Road, Motilal Nehru Marg and Shanti Path in New Delhi ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the volume of traffic has increased considerably on these roads ;

(c) whether Government propose to widen these roads ; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) Roads referred to form part of the road net work of about 1280 kms. (single lane equivalent) in New Delhi maintained by the New Delhi Municipal Committee. According to the traffic and transportation study got conducted for widening/improvement of roads and intersections by the New Delhi Municipal Committee there is scope for widening of these roads.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Decision on widening of various roads would be taken up by the New Delhi Municipal Committee subject to availability of funds and the consideration that large number of fully grown trees are not affected.

Broadcasting/telecasting programmes on national leaders

292. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for telecasting and broadcasting of programmes on the birth/death anniversary of the national leaders like (1) Mr. C.R Das, (2) Hakim Ajmal Khan, (3) Maulana Mohd. Ali, (4) Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, (5) Pt. Moti Lal Nehru, (6) Maulana Huspin Ahmad Madni, (7) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, (8) Mr. Rafi Ahmad Kidwai, (9) Dr. M.A. Ansari, (10) Mr. Sarat Chand Bose, (11) Raja Mahendra Pratap, (12) Baba Kharak Singh, (13) Mr. Vithal Bhai Patel, (14) Dr. B.C. Roy, (15) Mr. Sri Krishna Sinha, (16) Mr. T. Prakasam ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) (a) and (b) Both All India Radio and Doordarshan mount suitable programmes on the death/birth anniversary of national leaders depending upon the importance of the event. Telecasting/Broadcasting of the programmes on national leaders will be done, if not already done.

Release of kidnappers of Dr. Rubiya Sayeed

293. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that five pro-Pakistani militants, who have been released in Srinagar recently for obtaining release of his kindapped daughter Dr. Rubiya Sayeed, were arrested on charges of sedition;

(b) if so, whether they were under the custody of authorities under State Government of Jammu & Kashmir or the Government of India ; and

(c) what are the details of the authority which ordered their release in exchange of his kidnapped daughter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED) : (a) Details as per statement enclosed (*See* below)

(b) they were under the custody of State Government.

(c) The release was ordered by the State Government.